

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

Celebrating 150 Years

May 14, 2017 ~ 10:15 am ~ Mother's Day/Graduation Sunday

Ministers: The members of the congregation

Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty

Our Vision Statement of the First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls is: God's timeless love transforms each of us to joyously continue the ministry of Jesus Christ in our community and in our world.

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

Choral Introit

Announcements

Rev. Scott Prouty

Call to Worship

Logan Garman

L: Many voices are speaking to us today in the movie theaters, on the concert stages, on the television.

P: Today, Lord, we choose to listen to Your voice, to respond to Your desires, to follow Your highest path for us.

L: Many voices are speaking to us today in our homes, in our friendships, and in our community.

P: Today, Lord, we choose to listen to Your voice, to respond to Your desires, to follow Your highest path for us.

L: Many voices are speaking to us today through celebrities, commercials and through media.

P: Today, Lord, we choose to listen to Your voice, to respond to Your desires, to follow Your highest path for us.

All: As many voices ring in our ears, we say that we choose to listen for Your voice, to do what pleases You, and to stay true to the path You have lovingly set before us. Strengthen each of us to choose the high road, to live up to the greatness You placed within us, and to honor You in all our ways. Lord, we will listen for Your voice. Amen.

Prayer of Invocation in Unison

God, help us to not look forward in fear to the changes in life; rather, may we look to the future with full hope, because as changes arise, You will lead us safely through all things, because we are Your very own, and when we cannot stand it, You will carry us in Your arms. With You, we shall not fear what may happen tomorrow; because You are the understanding God, who cares for us today, and who will care for us tomorrow and every day. We have faith, O Lord, that You will either shield us from suffering, or give us unflinching strength to bear it.

Put us at peace, and give us the grace to put aside all anxious thoughts and images. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, and Our Lord. Amen.

Hymn #634

"To God Be the Glory"

Litany of Call (Inspired by Isaiah 6:8)

Elizabeth Prouty

L: Life looms ahead of us, huge and uncertain; In the confusion we must listen for the voice of God. Who can hear the voice of God calling?

P: Here I am, send me!

L: The expectations of our friends feel so overwhelming; luring us to make choices for our own comfort. Who can focus on the call to serve God?

P: Here I am, send me!

L: Hunger, greed, hopelessness prevail in our world; making it difficult to believe that God still dances. Who can speak good news in the face of evil?

P: Here I am, send me!

L: Our voice seems so small against the misery we hear. Wars and famines and abuse seem to dominate. Who can be heard above the crying?

P: Here I am, send me!

L: The world is waiting to hear the promise of God; a life of justice, peace and love for all of God's children. Who will choose this life with God?

P: Here I am, send me!

*Hymn #69

"Here I am, Lord"

Elizabeth Prouty

***Share the Peace of Christ with One Another**

(Members and guests, please pass the attendance pad from left to right)

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading

Psalms 100

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Moment for Children

Anthem

"Mother's Day"

Laura Kohler

Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson

Message

Lamentations 3:22-24

Logan Garman

Elizabeth Prouty

***Hymn #761** *"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"*

PowerPoint Presentation

Interviewing High School Seniors and Parents Laura Kohler
Presentation of Gifts from Christian Education Committee and Piecemakers

Blessing for Those Graduating from High School Laura Kohler

Hymn #702 *"Christ, Be Beside Me"*

Give Thanks To God

God's Tithes and Your Offering Received Rev. Scott Prouty
Offertory

***Doxology** *Hymn #616 "Our God Is an Awesome God" (sing twice)*

***Offertory Prayer**

God, thank You for the countless blessings that You shower upon us. Accept these tithes and offerings that we return to You for the expansion of Your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

Go in God's Name

***Hymn #306** *"Blest be the Tie That Binds"*

***Benediction** Rev. Scott Prouty

***Choral Benediction**

Postlude

(*) Asterisk signifies to please stand if you are able.

**Ushers for May: Gary Hindt, Greg Dording, Stephen Dording, Kim McKay,
Tom & Barb Stough, Julie Rienstra, Brady Stough**

**Communion Servers for June: Current Ruling Elder Richard Aakre,
Leon & Sharon King, Craig Melges, Matt Tiffany, Gerry Patten, Dorie Oja**

Deacon of May: Jenny Bloedow

Greeting You Today: Lucille Byram, Bruce Tiffany

Our Televised Worship Services ~ Tune in to NU-Telecom - channel 3, and Media-com - channel 8, on Mondays at 10 am, and Wednesdays at 7 pm.

Welcome to this morning's service! If you are a visitor, we are pleased to have you join us for worship. Please sign the guest book! If you are looking for a church home, please consider First Presbyterian, and speak with Pastor Prouty. **A nursery is available for families with children ages infant-kindergarten. Ask an usher for the nursery location.**

Summer Camp ~ It's time to start thinking about summer camp. For more information or to sign up, check out the Clearwater Forest Camp website.

Meals on Wheels ~ Our church is in charge of Meals on Wheels deliveries in June. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex where you can help out.

Piecemakers ~ Looking for an Anniversary or Wedding gift? Or maybe that little something special to help your college bound with the feeling of "home"... We have quilts for all occasions! Contact Char or Marlys for all your quilt needs! Also... Fell free to join in on the quilting fun the first and third Wednesdays of the month! We are always excited to see new faces.

June Chimes ~ Please have your information or articles to the church office by **Wednesday, May 17!**

Congregation ~ Next Sunday, Ann and Bruce Tiffany will share their recent mission trip experience to the Roblealto Bible Home in Costa Rica during the morning worship service. Joining them will be other members of the 15 member team that spent a week doing service projects and interacting with the children living at the Bible Home. The church mission committee gave a monetary donation. Come on Sunday to see how it was used! :)

Vacation Bible School ~ Mark your calendars for 2017 Vacation Bible School. Our theme is "*The Maker Fun Factory*"! We work with the Redwood Alliance, E-Free and Methodist churches for a wonderful time of learning about God, fun, fellowship and service. VBS will be **June 4-8** this year for children ages 4-6th grade. **We are still in need of volunteers! Contact Lindsey Caraway with questions.** VBS is looking for donations of new, full, square/cube tissue boxes, to be used as a service/craft project. The younger kids will be decorating them and the older kids will be delivering them to residents of the nursing homes. **Please leave them in the kitchen marked VBS. Due to a generous donation, all of the children who attend VBS will receive a VBS music CD! A huge thank you to our anonymous donor.**

If you have missed any of Janean & Bob's tidbits... remember bulletins are on our website... fpcrwf.org

**Hymn Review ~ (Robert Brown)
Hymn "Wonderful Word of Life"**

This hymn is a song that gives comfort to Christians. It says that God's word gives the gift of love and salvation to those who believe.

150th Anniversary History Tidbit (Janean McKay) Piecemakers

Piecemakers is a not-for-profit ecumenical group of volunteers who have been working on quilting projects since May 21, 2003. When four garbage bags of fabric was donated to the church, Charlene Gilland called Marlys Verdoes and suggested they start a quilting group. A meeting was held to see if there was community interest. Presently, about 25 volunteers, representing eight different congregations, meet at the First Presbyterian Church on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Elva Draeger donated a sewing machine and fabrics, yarn and notions continue to be donated; often one piece or bag at a time.

Quilts are made for baptisms, graduations, and weddings. Many people who leave the hospital or are in a nursing home receive a free lap robe. Quilts are donated to people in need and to various community fundraisers. We have even sent foreign students home with one of our quilts.

The group makes about 150 quilts a year. No two are alike. The fabric choices determine the size that can be made. Some quilts are offered for sale so that batting and other supplies can be purchased. In 2016, two project activity grants of \$250 each were received from Thrivent.

As the group gathers, each does work that interests them and what they are capable of doing. Cutting, measuring, tying, hand or machine stitching, ironing and matching fabrics are a few of the tasks.

Enjoying their time together, volunteers have a little coffee break each meeting, also. This is a time for a brief business meeting also. Each year, a festive summer brunch is held for community friends and a Christmas potluck brunch in December is held for members.

The group welcomes new volunteers at any time.

Synod School... is an annual midsummer ministry (**July 23-28**-Storm Lake, Iowa) of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies of the Presbyterian Church USA, for laity, clergy, families and singles. It includes fun and mind-stretching courses, and worship and singing you'll long remember as well as times for both fellowship and private reflection. Discover Synod school and you'll know why so many people return. The Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, will be the daily convocation speaker! For more information on Synod School, you can visit their website (www.lakesandprairies.org/SynodSchool) or there are brochures in the Narthex!

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 14:

Last Day Sunday School/Graduation Sunday

8:45 am: Breakfast
 9:00 am: Sunday School
 9:15 am: Choir Practice
 10:15 am: Worship-Graduates Celebrated
 Following Worship: Cookie Reception/Packing Weekend Food Bags

Monday, May 15:

Noon: Pastor-Rotary

Tuesday, May 16:

All Day: Pastor-Presbytery Meeting in Worthington

4:30-6:00 pm: Ruby's Pantry

Wednesday, May 17:

June Chimes Deadline

9:00 am: Piecemakers
 1:30 pm: Dorcas Circle-Rosemary Bennett's House

Sunday, May 21:

10:15 am: Worship

Pray For The Following:

Pray for Members of our Church Family that have recently lost a loved one; Suzanne Edwards; Suzanne's sister, Arlene Dayton, passed away on Friday, May 5. Please continue to keep Suzanne and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Dody Fuhr; Dody's mother, Becky Menk, passed away on Saturday May 6. Please continue keep Dody and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Marsha Galles-Waugh passed away. Please continue to keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Pray for expecting parents of our Church Family: Tony & Molly Miller

Pray for the unchurched and lonely.

Pray for people living in our communities, the disenfranchised and people in other countries.

Pray for those who are having financial or marital difficulties.

Pray for those grieving the loss of a loved one.

Pray for those seeking employment.

Pray for our leaders at the city, county, state and national level and all military personnel.

Pray for those in need of food, medicine and shelter.

Pray for those fighting addictions.

Pray for all the people of the world.

Pray for our church leaders and teachers.

Pray for our local, national, world political leaders.

Birthdays: 15th - Tim Davis, 18th - Joyce Goodyear, Larry Wessels

Anniversaries: 19th - Bruce & Ann Tiffany, 20th - Dave & Corrine Gertsema

Members of our Church Family in Hospice Care: Gordon Alexander

Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities: Carol Oja, Muriel Moon, Elizabeth Stancer, Janet Minkel, Millie Bunting, Gordon Alexander, Jeanette Kotval, Lester Siegfried

All Those Fighting Cancer: Wendy Nolting, Tom & Dawn Umscheid (Pam Prouty's cousins)

Pray for all those fighting other diseases:

Shellie Mammen (Lupus), Corrine Gertsema (multiple sclerosis)

If you know of something/someone to add to the Prayer List, please contact the church office.